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Mr. W. A. Harriman
Director for Mutual Security
Executive Office of the President
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Harriman:

In response to your letter of 22 April 1952, I fully recognize the importance of more complete and timely economic intelligence to the effective implementation of your responsibilities under the Mutual Defense Assistance Control Act of 1951. As you have indicated,

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Your proposal that an Intelligence Working Group be set up within the Economic Defense Advisory Committee structure is satisfactory to me and I am willing to have this group chaired, as you suggest, by the principal CIA representative in that group. In this connection I am designating [redacted] of the Office of Research and Reports, CIA, to serve as our principal representative. He will meet with whomever you designate to make the necessary preliminary arrangements for establishment of the Working Group, formulation of the terms of reference, and preparation of the necessary security instructions.

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We will cooperate in every way possible to provide the intelligence required for the success of your program.

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1 May 1952

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Sincerely,
SIGNED

Walter D. Smith

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